

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for an Order for Emergency Authority to Temporarily Increase Upper Block Rates for Water Service in its Monterey District to Avoid SWRCB Violations and Request for Immediate Ex Parte Relief.

Application 04-06-020
(Filed June 16, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING APPLICATION PROTEST AND REPLY PERIODS**

California-American Water Company (CalAm) filed this application on June 16, 2004, and at the same time filed a motion proposing an expedited procedural schedule. According to CalAm, unless the Commission authorizes it to take immediate action encouraging its Monterey District customers to reduce their water consumption, it is virtually certain that its water production will exceed the annual limit imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Order WR 95-10. Should that occur, SWRCB could impose severe penalties on CalAm, which penalties might eventually be recovered from CalAm's Monterey District water customers through increased rates.

CalAm's proposed expedited procedural schedule would require protests to the application be filed by June 23, 2004, and a Commission decision on July 8, 2004 granting the authority it requests. CalAm believes that any delay in granting the authority requested would leave it insufficient time to reduce cumulative production before the water year ends on September 30, 2004.

CalAm's motion will be granted in part. Any protests or responses to the application will be due June 25, 2004. The period allowed for any replies by CalAm to those protests or responses will also be shortened accordingly. Any replies by CalAm will be due June 28, 2004. In addition to meeting the formal filing requirements, participants are advised to forward copies of their protests, responses and replies to the undersigned by e-mail attachment to jcm@cpuc.ca.gov.

IT IS RULED that any protests or responses to the application shall be filed not later than June 25, 2004; and any replies by California-American Water Company shall be filed not later than June 28, 2004.

Dated June 24, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMES C. MCVICAR

James C. McVicar
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Application Protest and Reply Periods on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 24, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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